

**AMENDMENTS**

***IN THE CLAIMS:***

Please amend the pending claims as indicated below:

1           1.       (Currently amended) A method for altering an operational aspect of a  
2 mobile electronic device, the method comprising:  
3           providing a sensor associated with the mobile electronic device;  
4           determining whether the sensor is coupled to a mating element associated with  
5 the sensor;  
6           developing a signal in the sensor, the signal determined by whether the sensor is  
7 coupled to and recognizes the mating element;  
8           receiving the signal in a processor; and  
9           altering a characteristic of the mobile electronic device based on the received  
10 sensor signal and based on the location of the mobile electronic device with respect to  
11 the mating element.

1           2.       (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the altering step alters a user  
2 interface characteristic of the mobile electronic device.

1           3.       (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the altering step alters a  
2 radio frequency (RF) characteristic of the mobile electronic device.

1           4.       (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising using a default  
2 user interface characteristic and a default radio frequency characteristic if the  
3 determining step concludes that the sensor is not coupled to the mating element.

1           5.       (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising altering a user  
2 interface characteristic based upon a sensor signal determined by the mating element if  
3 the determining step concludes that the sensor is coupled to a mating element.

1           6.       (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising altering a radio

2 frequency (RF) characteristic based upon a sensor signal determined by the mating  
3 element if the determining step concludes that the sensor is coupled to a mating  
4 element.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the user interface  
2 characteristic is predetermined and stored in a memory associated with the processor.

1 8. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the user interface  
2 characteristic is dynamically adjustable by a user of the mobile electronic device.

1 9. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the RF characteristic is  
2 predetermined and stored in a memory associated with the processor.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the mating element is chosen  
2 from the group consisting of, no coupling, a belt clip, a belt pouch, a charger, a car clip,  
3 and a clothing carrier.

1 11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the altering step  
2 alters an operational aspect of the mobile electronic device based upon whether the  
3 mobile electronic device is uncoupled from the mating element ~~or~~ and located in any of  
4 the belt clip, the belt pouch, the charger, the car clip, ~~or~~ and the clothing carrier.

1 12. (Currently amended) A system for altering an operational aspect of a  
2 mobile electronic device, comprising:

3 a sensor associated with the mobile electronic device;

4 a mating element associated with the sensor, the sensor configured to develop a  
5 signal based on whether the sensor recognizes the mating element; and

6 logic configured to receive the signal from the sensor and alter a characteristic of  
7 the mobile electronic device based on the received sensor signal and based on the location  
8 of the mobile electronic device with respect to the mating element.

1           13.    (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the sensor is decoupled  
2           from the mating element and the sensor signal causes the logic to use a default user  
3           interface characteristic and a default radio frequency (RF) characteristic.

1           14.    (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the sensor is coupled to the  
2           mating element and the mating element determines the sensor signal.

1           15.    (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the sensor signal causes the  
2           logic to alter a user interface characteristic of the mobile electronic device.

1           16.    (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the sensor signal causes the  
2           logic to alter a radio frequency (RF) characteristic of the mobile electronic device.

1           17.    (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the user interface  
2           characteristic is predetermined and stored in a memory associated with the processor.

1           18.    (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the user interface  
2           characteristic is dynamically adjustable by a user of the mobile electronic device.

1           19.    (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the RF characteristic is  
2           predetermined and stored in a memory associated with the processor.

1           20.    (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the mating element is  
2           chosen from the group consisting of, no coupling, a belt clip, a belt pouch, a charger, a  
3           car clip, and a clothing carrier.

1           21.    (Currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein an operational  
2           aspect of the mobile electronic device is altered based upon whether the mobile  
3           electronic device is uncoupled from the mating element ~~or~~ and located in any of the belt  
4           clip, the belt pouch, the charger, the car clip, ~~or~~ and the clothing carrier.

1           22.   (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having a program  
2   for altering an operational aspect of a mobile electronic device, the program comprising  
3   logic configured to perform the steps of:

4               determining whether a sensor associated with the mobile electronic device is  
5   coupled to a mating element associated with the sensor;

6               developing a signal in the sensor, the signal determined by whether the sensor is  
7   coupled to and recognizes the mating element;

8               receiving the signal in a processor; and

9               altering a characteristic of the mobile electronic device based on the received  
10   sensor signal and based on the location of the mobile electronic device with respect to  
11   the mating element.

1           23.   (Original) The program of claim 22, wherein the altering step alters a  
2   user interface characteristic of the mobile electronic device.

1           24.   (Original) The program of claim 22, wherein the altering step alters a  
2   radio frequency (RF) characteristic of the mobile electronic device.

1           25.   (Original) The program of claim 22, further comprising logic configured  
2   to perform the step of using a default user interface characteristic and a default radio  
3   frequency characteristic if the determining step concludes that the sensor is not coupled  
4   to the mating element.

1           26.   (Original) The program of claim 22, further comprising logic configured  
2   to perform the step of altering a user interface characteristic based upon a sensor signal  
3   determined by the mating element if the determining step concludes that the sensor is  
4   coupled to a mating element.

1           27.   (Original) The program of claim 22, further comprising logic configured  
2   to perform the step of altering a radio frequency (RF) characteristic based upon a sensor

3 signal determined by the mating element if the determining step concludes that the  
4 sensor is coupled to a mating element.

1 28. (Original) The program of claim 26, wherein the user interface  
2 characteristic is predetermined and stored in a memory associated with the processor

1 29. (Original) The program of claim 26, wherein the user interface  
2 characteristic is dynamically adjustable by a user of the mobile electronic device.

1 30. (Original) The program of claim 27, wherein the RF characteristic is  
2 predetermined and stored in a memory associated with the processor.

1 31. (Original) The program of claim 22, wherein the mating element is  
2 chosen from the group consisting of, no coupling, a belt clip, a belt pouch, a charger, a  
3 car clip, and a clothing carrier.

1 32. (Currently amended) The program of claim 31, wherein the altering step  
2 alters an operational aspect of the mobile electronic device based upon whether the  
3 mobile electronic device is uncoupled from the mating element ~~or~~ and located in any of  
4 the belt clip, the belt pouch, the charger, the car clip, ~~or~~ and the clothing carrier.